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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
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SERIAL NO: 09/926,541 :
2nd RCE FILED: July 20, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3682
FOR: DEVICE AND METHOD :
FOR FASTENING
CABLES TO AN
INDUSTRIAL ROBOT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 4, 2005, the Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group I corresponding to Claims 16-18, 20, 21, 23, 25-27, 29, 31-37, and 40.

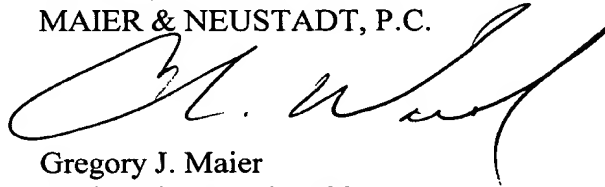
The Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement based on the fact that the claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place an additional burden on the Examiner. (See MPEP 1850.)

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 16-18, 20, 21, 23, 25-29, and 31-40 be conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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